GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF CATTLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cattle are being imported every year in our country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and cattle-wise;

(c) whether due to foot and mouth disease and mad cow disease abroad lakhs of cattle were untimely slaughtered;

(d) the steps taken by the Government so far to prevent break out of such diseases amongst animals in India through imported animals;

(e) whether the Government have evolved any policy to tackle this problem; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Details of import of cattle during last two years are given at Annexure.

(c): As per reports published by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), animals including cattle have been destroyed in many countries due to the outbreak of mad cow and foot and mouth disease.

(d), (e) &(f): Government has prohibited import of live ruminants, including cattle, as well as germplasm and other products of ruminant origin from countries affected by mad cow disease and other diseases from the same group. Besides, live animals are on the Restricted List of imports and are permitted against import licenses issued on the recommendations which are made on the basis of the disease status of the exporting country. Imports are also subject to fulfillment of health and quarantine conditions laid down in this regard.

Annexure

Statement showing import of cattle, country-wise and cattle-wise during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-01

Year 1999-2000

Sl.No	Desription	Country	No. of cattle
1	Heifers & Bulls (for breeding)	Australia	21
2	Heifers & Bulls (for breeding)	Denmark	28
3	Bulls, Adult other than pure bred breeding	Nepal	22
4	Others (excluding Bulls and Buffaloes) other than pure bred breeding	Nepal	153
	Total		224

Year 2000-01

Sl.No	Desription	Country	No. of cattle
1	Bulls, Adult other than pure bred breeding	Nepal	427
2	Others (excluding Bulls and Buffaloes) other than pure bred breeding	Nepal	626
	Total		1053